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SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP NUMBER 4

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EOIL STRICKLER

EPD SPECIAL PROJECTS

PASS DIRECT TO MRO

1. CURRENT STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND QUIPMENT

A. COMMUNICATIONS: ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1974, SA WALT SEARS, SA BILL KELLY AND DORIS ELLIOTT ARRIVED AT THE NORTH CP. BUCCANEER BASE IS RAPIDLY BECOMING FULLY OPERATIONAL. ON JULY 21, MR. SHANLEY ARRIVED AT THE NCP TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROGRESS TO DATE. NEW ARRIVALS FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD ARE: WARREN COLLINS, DENNY BAX, SUE BRACKEN, LEONARD NEILSEN, JOHN WALKER, SA AUSTINAND SA SEGAL

B. AIRCRAFT:

1() HELICOPTERS THE PILOTS ASSIGNED HERE HAVE FLOWN A TOTAL OF 25.5 HOURS DURING THIS PERIOD
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2() NAVAJO. SA OVERSTREET TOOK THE NAVAJO BACK TO MIAMI FOR THE 100 HOUR MAINTENANCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 20. HIS ETA JAMAICA IS THURSDAY, JULY 25.

(4) T-41'S. THE TWO T-41'S ARRIVED IN KINGSTON ON SATURDAY, JULY 20, AND ARE BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE PROGRAM

C. BOATS

1() MARINE POLICE. ON JULY 12, SA JOHN CHASE AND BM/1 AUSTIN, USCG, COMMENCED A SMALL BOAT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR 17 MARINE POLICE OFFICERS. FIVE DAYS OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION ON BASIC SEAMANSHIP AND NAVIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. OJT WILL COMMENCE THIS WEEK. THE STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE ON JULY 29 AND WILL BE ISSUED USCG CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

(2) SEA LION. THE SEA LION IS STILL BEING OUTFITTED AT GUANTANAMO BAY. IT IS PROGRAMMED TO BE READY AND OPERATIONAL BY AUGUST 1.

E. SENSORS. TWO SENSORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND ARE OPERATIONAL. WE ARE STILL DOING SOME INVESTIGATION ON CERTAIN AREAS FOR PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL SENSORS

F. HOUSE TRAILERS. TWO HOUSE TRAILERS ARE NOW IN PLACE AND OPERATIONAL IN KINGSTON. THE THIRD IS IN-COUNTRY AND WILL BE MOVED TO MONTEGO BAY

2. STATUS OF THE OPERATIONS

A. ERADICATION. OPERATIONAL TESTING HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO NON-DELIVERY OF THE SPRAY RIG FOR THE JDF HELICOPTER. THE RIG WAS LOCATED AT JFK AIRPORT AND IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WEDNESDAY.

B. SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION. ON THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 20/21 JULY, THE FIRST COORDINATED OFFICIAL USE

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ATED INTERDICTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED. ACTING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A DEA AGENT (U/C) THAT A BOAT WOULD POSSIBLY TAKE ON A LOAD OF GANJA AT A POINT ON THE COAST SOME 5 MILES EAST OF BUCCANEER BASE. TWO MARINE POLICE BOATS, TWO SCOUT TEAMS, A MOBILE UNIT AND AN INTELLIGENCE UNIT WERE EMPLOYED. ALTHOUGH THE OPERATION WAS NOT A SUCCESS IN TERMS OF SEIZURES, IT PROVIDED AN

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST COMMUNICATIONS
AND PRACTICE COORDINATING THE EFFORTS OF THE
FORCE'S DIVERSE ELEMENTS.

C. INVESTIGATIONS. AT ABOUT 1:00 AM ON TUESDAY
JULY 16, ACTING ON INFORMATION FROM A MIAMI INFORMANT,
450 POUNDS OF GANJA AND 2 RENTAL CARS WERE
SEIZED. AS PER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE TRAFFICKERS,
DEA'S NAVAJO MADE 3 OVERFLYS ON THE AIRSTRIPS AND
RECEIVED A RESPONDING A FLASHING SIGNAL LIGHT FROM
THE SUSPECT FIELD. A JDF BELL 212 HELICOPTER WITH
20 JCF AND TWO DEA AGENTS LANDED ON THE FIELD
SEIZING APPROXIMATELY 450 POUNDS OF GANJA. TWO
JAMAICANS WERE ARRESTED: NATHAN GILLIARD, 26, AND
DARWIN MCDONALD, 25, ONE US CITIZEN AND TWO OTHER
JAMAICANS ESCAPED AND ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT. DEA
PERSONNEL INVOLVED WERE THE PILOT OF THE JDF
CHOPPER, SA DEANE MAGERS, AND SA'S ROBINSON AND
OVERSTREET WHO PILOTED THE U/C PLANE. SAIC COOPER
AND SA THOMPSON CAME IN WITH THE HELICOPTER FORCE.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS. CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF SEIZURES
AND ARRESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MARIHUANA SEIZED/DESTROYED 67,350 POUNDS
MARIHUANA SEED SEIZED/DESTROYED 5,200 POUNDS
COCAINE SEIZED 3 POUNDS
AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED 6
BOATS SEIZED 1
VEHICLES SEIZED 2
MONEY SEIZED \$65,600.
DEFENDANTS 22. GERARD

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